

FARMERS' MARKET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED OF TAYLOR COUNTY BYLAWS AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Market

The name of the market is Farmers' Market Association Incorporated of Taylor County

Location

The market meets at a pavilion off Highway 210 on Animal Shelter Road in Campbellsville. Market days are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Times are reviewed each year and set at the preseason meeting of the membership.

Purpose of the Market

To provide consumers with locally grown, top quality produce that benefits not only the consumer, but also the small farmer and the local economy.

Vendor Membership

Full membership is available to those farmers actively engaged in the production of locally grown products, whether on a full or part time basis. This market is a regional market composed of farmers from the shopping area and counties around Taylor County. This membership entitles the producer to sell at all market days as well as at any festival days. Vendors must produce 80% of all products handled. Any non-food product or produce not grown on farm premises must be approved by the executive committee. No box buyers will be permitted to participate in the market. Members are expected not to undercut or price gouge other members.

Vendor Fees

Full membership each year is based on the cost of insurance, advertising and other necessary expenses. The fee is divided by the membership and becomes the vendor fee for the year. Members having refrigerators, coolers, freezers, etc. will pay an added fee to cover electrical expense over the base fee of electricity. The market will pay the monthly base fee. Vendor fee is due in full when liability insurance is purchased each spring. Late memberships are available at full fee throughout the season.

Membership Privileges

Outside of the Executive Committee, each full membership in good standing is entitled to one vote on issues and guideline changes at the annual business meetings of the market members.

Advance notice of meetings will be made to all full members.

Market-related issues shall be decided on a simple majority vote of those present at the annual meeting.

The bylaws cannot be changed except by two-thirds vote of membership at the annual business meeting.

Member Duties

Members are individually responsible to pay state taxes, local sales taxes, business license fees (as applicable), and any other applicable fees; pay membership fees by the stand deadline; set up for market no more than 30 minutes prior to the opening of the market; establish prices consistent with the market guidelines.

New Vendors

New members will be admitted on the recommendation of an original member or a trial period of six weeks.

Officers

Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting and shall serve a one year term. New officers shall be prepared to assume the responsibilities of the office at the close of the annual meeting.

President: Chairs the business meeting, serves as a point of contact for the market, appoints committees, conducts votes as needed, sets up the market place on regular sales and festival days, and assures compliance with all guidelines outlined herein.

Vice President: Assists president, chairs meetings in president's absence.

Treasurer: Collects fees, pays bills, keeps financial records and membership applications.

Secretary: Maintains up-to-date guidelines, membership roster, and minutes of meetings.

Positions can be combined and all officers may appoint a proxy, as needed.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two at large members and is responsible for the ongoing decisions of the organization between annual meetings.

President will appoint one at-large member annually to serve a two-year term on the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will be the nominating committee for officers of the organization. Officers will be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting each year.

The annual meeting is set each December by the President.

Vendor Space

Space will be allotted by the Executive Committee.

Products Sold

The following items may be sold at the Farmers' Market Association Incorporated of Taylor County, assuming the products have been produced by the vendor on his farm or leased farmland. Vegetables, herbs, fruit baskets, bedding plants, flowers, fruit, cider, ornamental produce, potted plants, cut flowers, plant arrangements, firewood, and berries. Products not listed must receive clearance before sale by the membership.

Assuming that vendors have complied with all applicable state and local regulations, vendors may sell the following value-added products: baked goods, canned goods, eggs, preserves, honey, sorghum, maple syrup, meats, dairy products and bottled products.

No live animals may be sold at the market.

Pricing

Market prices are based on average retail prices. Undercutting and price gouging will not be permitted and could result in the termination of membership privileges.

Termination of Membership

Termination of membership will be based on violation of any part of the bylaws or guidelines and decisions will be made on a majority vote.

The Farmers' Market Association Incorporated of Taylor County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion or nationality.